COPY OF BRYSON AND PALMER MEMBERSHIPS IN THE S.A.R.

Harry Bryson Palmer (Montana Soc. No.22, Nat. Soc. No. 3122)was admiited to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution by approval of A. Howard Clark, Registrar General, June 29, 1896. His application states that he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 12, 1852; he was the son of (Major) John Jones Palmer and his wife Elizabeth Glass(Harvey)Palmer; grandson of Thomas Palmer and his wife Sarah Miller(Bryson)Palmer(daughter of James Bryson); great grandson of Thomas Palmer and his wife Elizabeth Snowden. Ancestors' records as follows:

Thomas Palmer, my great grandfather, was a "Captain of the private Brig 'Mercury', 1781, was commissioned by the State of Pennsylvania, and had 20 men and 6 guns." He had many naval engagements with the British, and it was this Brig under his charge that brought over $1,000,000 loaned by France to the Colonies. (See Penn'a. Archives, 2nd. Series, Vol.1, page 372, 1st. Edition. Certified to me by Wm. Henry Egle, M.D., State Librarian, and Ed. Penn'a Archives.)

James Bryson, my great grandfather, was born in Philadelphia, June 17, 1744, was 1st. Lieut. 4th. Company, 2nd. Battalion, Philadelphia Associators, commanded by Col. Sharpe Delaney, and was in active service 1777.(See Penn. Archives, etc.) During the Revolution, he was Asst. Postmaster General, under Benjamin Franklin and his successor, Richard Bache, during his absence in Europe.(See Cong. Journal, Nov. 4th.,1777). At the time the British captured and occupied Philadelphia, he(James Bryson)removed the Post-Office to Germantown, and took part in the Battle of Germantown and skirmishes that resulted in the evacuation of Philadelphia. After the Revolution he was appointed postmaster of Philadelphia by Washington and also served under Madison and Jefferson, by whom he was made Superintendent and Surveyor General of the Post Road Service of Virginia and Ohio, and the whole North-West Territory. While engaged in that service, he died at the Fort at Newport, Ky., and was buried there November 20th.,1813. Pedigree given above: Harry Bryson Palmer(broker, Helena, Montana).

. . . . .

Charles Temple Palmer, attorney-at-law, 5471 Lexington Ave., Chicago, Illinois, brother of the above-named Harry Bryson Palmer, was accepted as National Member No. 20291, Illinois Member 1116, on December 22, 1908. He stated that Thomas Palmer, his great grandfather, was born in 1735 at Philadelphia, and was lost at sea about 1801. He added that "it was a tradition that the British Government at one time offered a reward of Five Hundred Pounds for his capture,dead or alive." Charles Temple Palmer, son of John Jones Palmer, was born in Vincennes, Indiana, April 26, 1861.

* * * * * * * * * * *

Under JAMES RUSSELL, my mother, Annie Moore Russell(Mrs. Geo. R.)Sullivan, held membership in the D.A.R., Nat'l No.6360. I don't believe I ever took out S.A.R. papers under this line, as I think my mother's papers, acceptable during the Nineties, had no dates, which I can now supply, as follows:

William George Sullivan, born Indianapolis, June 1, 1884. Son of
George Robert Sullivan, b. August 11, 1856, d. April 2, 1920, and his wife(m.Sept.15,1880),
Annie Moore Russell, b. May 25, 1858, d. May 10, 1920. She was the daughter of
James Noble Russell, b. Aug.8,1829, d. Oct.28, 1869, and his wife(married March 4,1857),
Isabella Stephens, b. April 9, 1831, d. Dec.17,1866. He was the son of
Alexander Wilson Russell, b. April 19, 1796, d. Oct.1, 1852, and his wife(m.Sept.17,1828),
Catherine L. Noble, b. Sept.3, 1808, d. Sept.16, 1845. He was the son of
James Russell, born 1762(?), d. Sept.9,1849, and his wife(married Jan.18, 1791),
Margaret Wilson(dau. of John Wilson,Rockbridge Co.,Vir.), born April 5,1769, died Nov.1,1862.

JAMES RUSSELL, Sergeant in the Virginia Artillary in the American Revolution and fought at the Battle of Cowpens. On June 23, 1783, he received a Virginia military land warrant, No.1009, for 200 acres, in consideration of 3 years service as sergeant of the Virginia line. Settled in Kentucky about 1796, first near Lexington, then near Frankfort, [illegible] in Franklin Co. Ref.: Year Book, 1913, Kentucky Society Sons of the Revolution, and Catalogue of Virginia Military Land Warrants,page 251. No.1009 - James Russell - 100 acres - private - Virginia Artillary - 3 years - June 23, 1783.
Annie Moore Russell(Mrs. Geo. R.)Sullivan's papers say,"After the war, he settled in Frankfort, where he located a land grant received for services rendered in the Rev. War. A certified copy of this land warrant was submitted as proof and filed with the papers of Mrs. Fannie Wood Morrison(Nat'l No.17981)when she became a member."

(I have a photostat copy of the Land Warrant No.1009 to James Russell and it "warrants" him 200(not 100 as above)acres for 3 years service as a sergeant in the Va. Artillary. It is dated 23rd Day of June, 1783. W.G.S.)

I have a number of "records" of James Russell's services during the Rev. but will have to comb them out. I am not sure of the name of James Russell's parents but think his father was John Russell - rather an indefinite name. I have, somewhere, the names of his wife's(Margaret Wilson's)parents and the dates of their deaths. With the parents of James Russell, the particular line from which I descend becomes very, very vague and members of the family have tried to tack it on to any number of established lines - but without definite proof.

(1)

Copy of Letter Re: James Bryson's Revolutionary Service.

Librarian
William H. Egle, M.D.

State Library of Pennsylvania,
Harrisburg, Pa., April 25th, 1895.

Dr. William Judkins,
Garfield Place, 134,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your request of the 23d inst., I would beg to enclose you the following:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

James Bryson, First Lieutenant 4th Company, Second Battalion of Philadelphia Associators, commanded by Col. Sharpe Delaney, in active service in 1777.

Yours with respect,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. EGLE, M. D.
State Librarian and Editor Pa. Archives.

A reference in Tentative Supplemental Papers of Annie Russell Sullivan, for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Thomas Palmer (born in Philadelphia, 1744?) commander of Brig "Mercury" 6 yrs., married in Philadelphia (dates of birth and marriage lost and mutilated while being bound at Cincinnati; (this in lead pencil notation) to

Elizabeth Snowden (or Snowdon?) (b. Philadelphia? - Was Thomas Palmer the son of ANTHONY PALMER (born in England) who landed in Philadelphia in 1708, and was member of the city council for 40 years? The latter is also said to have been Acting Governor of Pennsylvania for a period.

William George Sullivan as a member of the Mary Gibson Chapter (Indianapolis) Children of the American Revolution, made application for a supplemental line covering James Bryson's service.

.....

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PALMER LINE
Keith's Provincial Counsellors (in Pa. Hist. Soc. Library, Philadelphia)

COPY OF MEMBERSHIP PAPER IN THE D. A. R.
OF
MRS. ANNIE RUSSELL SULLIVAN

National Number 6360

LOCAL CHAPTER: Caroline Scott Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana

Application examined and approved October 2, 1894

Accepted by the National Board of Management October 4, 1894

LINEAGE

I, Annie Russell Sullivan * * * apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from James Bryson, who was born in Phila. Penna. on the 17th day of June, 1744, and died in Newport, Kentucky, on the 20th day of November, 1813. * * * I was born in the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, State of Indiana.

1. I am the daughter of James Noble Russell, born 8-8-1829, died 10-28-1869, and his wife Isabella Stephens Russell, born 4-9-1831, died 12-17-1866.

2. The said Isabella Stephens Russell was the child of Charles Stephens, born 8-15-1803, died 2-21-1855, and his wife, Ann Dagnea Palmer Stephens, born 1-17-1809, died 10-15-1856.

3. The said Ann D. Palmer Stephens was the child of Thomas Palmer born 4-10-1776, died 8-14-1846, and his wife Sarah Miller Bryson Palmer, born 12-5-1782, died 11-7-1860.

4. The said Sarah Miller Bryson Palmer was the child of James Bryson, born 6-17-1744, died 11-20-1813, and his wife Mary Miller Bryson, born 3-20-1742, died 12-31-1799.

The said James Bryson is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Assistant Postmaster General and as Member of the Militia at Philadelphia.

CONTINUATION OF RECORD OF JAMES BRYSON.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows: James Bryson was born in Phila. Pa., June 17, 1744. He married Mary Miller there on Nov. 10, 1774. The Rev. Mr. Stringer of Christ Episcopal Church officiating. During the Revolution he was Asst. Postmaster General in the service of the Continental Government under Benj. Franklin and also under Franklin's successor, Richard Bache - "Journal of Congress Nov. 4, 1777" - makes the following reference to James Bryson "Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of R. Bache, Esq., Postmaster General to be paid to James Bryson, one of the surveyors of the Post Office - for $3,000.00 for the use of the Post Master General's Department who is to be accountable (the term surveyor at that time was used to mean superintendent, in several references to the P. M. General in the same vol. he is designated "Surveyor General of the Post Office.") At the time the British captured and occupied Philadelphia he removed the Post Office to Germantown with the rest of the Government Archives and officials and took part in the Battle of Germantown and in the skirmishes and engagements that led up to the evacuation of Phila. by the British. He belonged to the local defense Militia that aided in the harassing and cutting off supplies of the British that they only saved themselves by flight into Jersey." Journal of Congress Mon. Jan. 28, 1782 - "again notes James Bryson as Asst. Postmaster General under Ebenezer Hazard. After the Rev. he was P.M. of Phila. during Washington's and Adams' administration. In 1799 after the death of his wife he resigned the Postmastership at Phila. and was appointed Supt. of the Postal route service throughout the states of Va., Pa.,

Ohio & Ky., and the northwest and was engaged in that service at the time of his death, Nov. 20, 1813. His death occurred at the Fort at Newport, Ky., where his son Capt. James Washington Bryson was commandant and he was buried there, in the U. S. Burial grounds. His dau. Sarah Miller Bryson, born Dec. 5, 1782, went to live in Rich. Bache's family after her mother's death. Mrs. Bache was Benj. Franklin's dau. and Sarah Bryson was named for her. In a letter of Dr. Franklin's (see Century Magazine June 1886) he refers to her as "a good natured girl whom I begin to love as the rest" - She remained with the Baches until her marriage to Thos. Palmer. In 1813 Thos. and Sarah Bryson Palmer removed with their 5 children from Phila. to Cinn. O., when Mr. Palmer started, edited and published the Cinn. Gazette. In 1825 they removed to New Harmony, Ind., where on Aug. 15, 1829 their 2nd dau. Ann D. Palmer was married to Chas. Stephens a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who had come to this country with the Owens. Charles and Ann Palmer Stephens removed to Bompan, Ill., and then to Albion in the same state when their dau. Isabella Stephens was born, Apr. 9, 1831. From Albion they removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they died and where their descendants reside.

James Bryson's Military Record: Journal of Congress Nov. 4, 1777, and Jan. 28, 1782 -

Major J. J. Palmer -
3822 - Rhodes Ave.
Chicago, Illinois.

DATA ON JAMES BRYSON

FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF THE

OHIO SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1895.

JUDKINS, William, M. D., Cincinnati, Ohio, elected in 1895. Great grandson of James Bryson, Philadelphia; was First Lieutenant 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, Philadelphia "Associators," Col. Sharpe Delaney; in active service in 1777.

Great grandson of Thomas Palmer, Commander of the private brig Mercury in 1781 - 20 men, 6 guns - commissioned by the State of Pennsylvania.

Portrait of James Bryson at heading of section entitled "Revolutionary Ancestors of the S. R. in the State of Ohio." Entered as "Bryson, James, Pennsylvania - Kentucky. 1744-1813."

Palmer, Thomas, Pennsylvania. No dates given."

THOMAS PALMER born in Philadelphia. Came to Cincinnati as an early settler, and founded and edited the paper True Flag and Liberty Hall, which was later changed to Cincinnati Gazette. Came to New Harmony from Cincinnati in 1825, with the Owens, was on the editorial staff of New Harmony Gazette from its beginning. In 1828 this paper consolidated with Frances Wright's paper, the Nashoba Gazette, and the editors of the new paper - The Free Enquirer - were Robert Dale Owen, Frances Wright and Thomas Palmer (Page 396, History of Posey Co. Indiana. Pub. by Goodspeed Co., Chicago, 1886). Refer to biography of Major J. J. Palmer (died July 21, 1896) in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.